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Amateur Night

Blind Duck bombarded by blues-beaters

One of these people is singing star Dinah Christie, who made a guest appearance at Erindale's Amateur Night last week. Hint: She doesn't like fedoras. More clever captions page 10.

Medlock Romps into ECSU

By DAN McKITTERICK

"The Medlock Ticket" of Stuart Medlock, Kevin Kovalchuck and Robert Stambula was swept to victory in last week's ECSU election. The election, which was held last Wednesday and Thursday, saw 918 voters, 28 percent of the Erindale student body, turn out at the polls.

It was one of the highest turnouts in years at Erindale.

An ecstatic Medlock commented after the results had been announced that the large turnout was not just a show of support for himself but "a really strong mandate for student government."

Medlock won with 441 votes compared to Peter Stasierowski's total of 320 and Ziad Bachir's 145.

Medlock said that the large number of voters shows that students are once again interested in the college.

His running mates Kevin Kovalchuck and Robert Stambula were elected to the positions of Vice-President Administration and Financial, respectively.

Kovalchuck won with 392 votes, followed by Hai-Chaw Wah on the Stasierowski ticket with 344 and Gary Nail on the Bachir ticket with 170.

Stambula gathered 364 votes to win his post, followed by Richard Camilleri on the Stasierowski ticket with 343 and Guy Shedlosky on the Bachir ticket with 158.

Medlock feels that his ticket represents a wide spectrum of people and that is one reason he attirbutes to his victory. Stambula has a lot of experience going into the position of Vice-President Finance and Kovalchuk, although relatively inexperienced "is really on the up" according to Medlock.

The successful candidates will take office on May 1. Medlock said that one of his top priorities during the summer will be to become familiar with the workings of ECSU. He said "It's an ideal time to improve your organization."

Both Medlock and Chief Returning Officer for the election Pete Perkovic stated that in the future more rules and regulations will be needed to guide the elections. Presently there are only a few general by-laws dealing with the matter and there have been allegations of unethical conduct in this past election.

Perkovic commented that he was "encouraged" by the high voter turnout, stating that it was

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NUS

System in chaos

OTTAWA (CUP)

Both the Canadian Labour Congress and the New Democratic Party have reacted favourably to a National Union of Students brief calling for a stronger federal presence in post-secondary education.

"We agree with the general thrust of the brief," said Claire Booker of the CLC's education office. "We are quite concerned at the lack of access to post-secondary education, and we see the need for rational national planning."

The brief, entitled "Education: A System in Chaos" was released March 15. It outlines the decline in the quality of post-secondary education in the last decade and calls for greater federal involvement in planning educational priorities, removing barriers to accessibility, and ensuring adequate funding.

NUS and the CLC discussed "the possibility of joint action to publicize the problems faced by post-secondary education," said Booker. CLC speakers will also discuss educational matters at union forums and other meetings, she said.

A high priority of the CLC is paid educational leave, which NUS also supports.

NDP member of Parliament David Orlikow said "it was a good brief". He also asked Secretary of State John Roberts to respond to questions raised by the brief, in particular whether the government would meet with the Council of Ministers of Education to discuss remedial action.

PC representative Flora MacDonald was not available for comment at press time. However, NUS president John Tuzyk said members of the PC caucus described the brief as "excellent" when they met with NUS representatives March 20.

He said MacDonald was "sympathetic" to developing national criteria on how federal transfer payments to the provinces should be spent, although the PC MPs seemed "less committed" to removing financial barriers to education.

John Helliwell of the Canadian Bureau for International Education said he agreed with the "general thrust" of the report, and specifically the section concerning international students.

"NUS feels the same way we do about the international exchange of students," Helliwell said. Its analysis seemed somewhat superficial, he said, but that was to be expected as the brief dealt with many other aspects of education.

NUS has already presented the brief to the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Association of Universisites and Colleges of Canada. Both the CAUT and the AUCC are expected to come up with official positions on the brief in the next few weeks.

OSAP

Here We Go Again

TORONTO (CUP)-- Despite promises that the horrific delays in the Ontario Student Assistance Program this year would not be repeated, signs of sickness are already surfacing in the 1979-80 program.

Application forms, which should be on campus by now, are late, and probably won't be available until mid-April. And a test run for applications to prevent programming errors similar to last year's has been delayed.

The test run, scheduled for mid-May, will probably not occur until mid-June, according to Ontario Federation of Students representative Allan Golombek. "There are signs for another bad fall, where the students are going to have to wait for the red tape to clear up," he said.

Another problem delaying the program is the lateness of the appeal cases left from this year. These are usually done by computer, but are now being done individually by hand.

In addition, 4,000 of the first '79-'80 applications were misprinted, which, itself, is responsible for a two-week delay in the availability of the forms.

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute student awards officer Toby Fletcher said he won't issue any applications until he is sure the system is working correctly. "We're not going to send in a single application until we know their system is working. We will not use Ryerson students to test their computer system."

Ontario Education Minister Bette Stephenson said earlier this year that few changes would be made in the program to avoid delays, and Golombek said this means the ministry will fail to recognize a cost-of-living increase and an OFS suggestion for regional cost of living adjustments.

Because of this year's OSAP delays, Fletcher said that almost $500,000 of Ryerson's emergency fund was dispensed to needy students. This has depleted the funds and, if similar problems with delays arise next fall, not one penny will be available to students.

U of T Press sees red

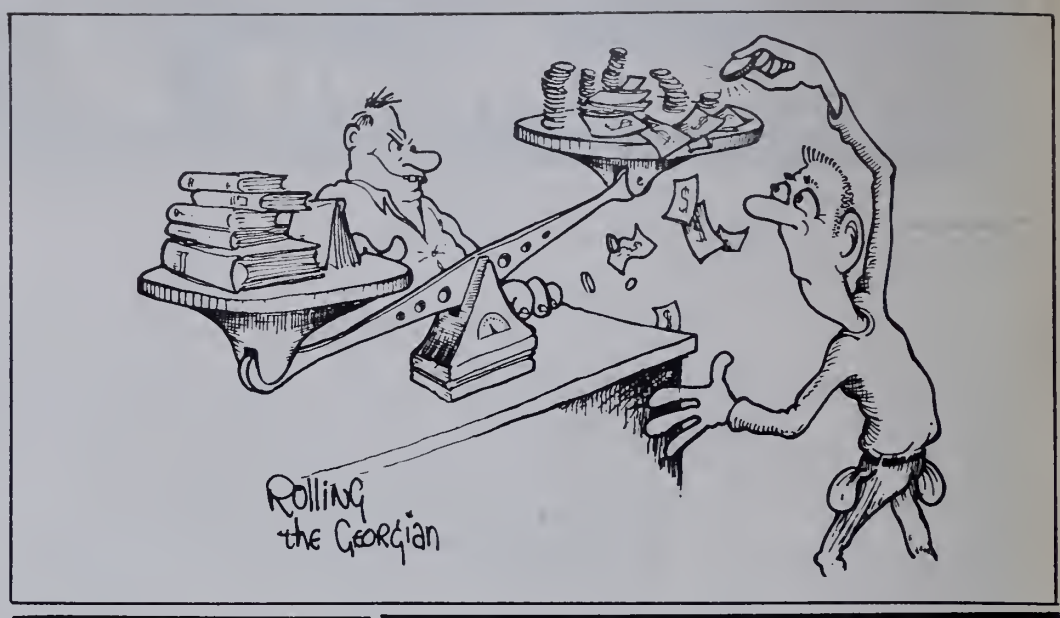
Sharon Stoneman

The University of Toronto Press has entered into a contract with a Soviet publisher's agent that will make it the first Canadian publishing house to have books distributed in the USSR.

The recently concluded negotiations with V-O Mehdunarodnaja Kniga were begun last October at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Books sent by the U of T Press in the previous year to the first Moscow Book Fair were well received and some cautious encouragement was given to Western publishers on this basis.

The books chosen cover a wide range of topics, with as many as 1000 of some and as few as 25 of others being ordered. It is expected that they will be carefully scrutinized and possibly censored before making their ways to university, college and public libraries across the Union.

A Press spokeman stated that while it was not to be a two way exchange of books, the exchange would be mutually beneficial in that it would provide the Soviets with exposure to Western thought and given Western writers a much greater audience for their ideas.



Medium II would like to extend an apology for the poor delivery record the paper has had this term. Almost all the issues this term have been late in appearing, culminating in the day-late service of last week and the week before. We wish to emphasize that the problem is not the fault of the staff of Medium II. It originates with our printers, Williams - Blackmore Publishing Ltd. in Streetsville.

Food Service

Invitation to comment

The Food Services Committee is preparing a report on the operations and financing of the Erindale campus food service. Constructive, written, signed comments are invited from any members of the Erindale community. Please send these comments to Prof. L.J. Brooks in Room 37 of the Crossroads Bldg. as soon as possible.

How in the world do you drink Kahlua?

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Practical Jokers

By Elaine Clarke

Erindale College student residences in the past year have been plagued by numerous falsified notices bearing the Housing Office letterhead.

The notices arrived to the houses in the form of a Housing Office bulletin. Students accustomed to receiving memorandums from the office were unsuspecting victims of the practical jokers.

The most recent occurence had residence students rushing out to move their cars in order for the residence parking lot to be painted. Fortunately, most students caught on before the prank became serious.

Virginia de Bel, secretary to Housing Director Mike Lavelle, stated that it would have been costly to students had they moved their cars because they surely would have been ticketed by the Erindale security.

De Bel told Medium II that such notices are frequent occurences each year but usually revolve around the Housing Office being bombarded by students returning vacuum cleaners, toasters, kettles and other household appliances which they were told needed repair or replacing.

De Bel stated that the Housing Office can appreciate a practical joke but as soon as it becomes harmful or costly to the students it ceases to be funny. She was referring to an incident which occured early last week when a phony bake sale was announced to take place at Colman House.

Along with the notice came samples of the baked goods which contained a laxative. Unsuspecting students ate the samples and were subjected to an evening of much discomfort. Students were doubly disturbed since many of them were trying to study for term tests or complete final essays.

As of yet, the practical jokers have managed to retain their anonymity.

The Housing Office stated that there was a way to differentiate between real and phony memorandum. The type styles between the real and phony notices are different and while most falsified notices are photo-copied the real ones are produced on a Gestetner.

Win a Job

The Canadian Political Science Association is holding the fourth annual competition for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme.

A maximum of eight internships will be available, to be held from September 4th, 1979 to June 30th, 1980. The stipend is to be $8,500, payable in ten monthly installments. Applicants should be recent graduates of a post-secondary institution in Canada and should have a demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the legislative process, especially as it relates to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

The role of an intern is a varied one but the general aim of the programme is to provide a practical excperience to supplement and complement previous academic studies.

After an initial orientation period, interns assist backbench Members at Queen's Park, one term being spent with a Member on each side of the House. The duties depend upon the needs and interests of the individual Member. It is customary for interns to visit their Members' ridings and throughout the period of the internship meetings are regvularly arranged with members of Cabinet and other political figures. A comparative perspective is provided by a visit to Ottawa to meet federal politicians and party officials.

The programme is funded by private donations together with a grant from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Application forms may be obtained from Mrs. M. Rous, Department of Political Economy, University of Toronto, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, M5S 1A1 (telephone 978-3450).

Additional information concerning the programme can be obtained by contacting the Academic Director, Professor R. Blair, Chairman, Division of Social Sciences, Scarborough College, University of Toronto, West Hill, Ontario, M1C 1A4 (telephone 284-3149).

The closing date for applications is April 9th.

Next year's ECSU joins the chorus line. Left to right: Ray Easterbrook, Bob Stambula, Stu Medlock, Kevin Kovalchuk, and oops, not quite Russ Kunka.

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approximately 330 more than last year, when the Easterbrook slate took power. He attributes the large number of voters to several factors.

First, the presence of everal good candidates in the election. Second, the open forum that was held in the Meeting Place the day before elections. And third, the numerous posters tht were displayed throughout the college.

All in all, Percovic feels that it was a very postive election from the campaigning through to the counting of the ballots.

Medlock said there would be room for his opponents in next years' ECSU. He had told Stasierowski that he would like him to be an ECSU representative on next year's Erindale College Council. Bachir already has a seat on the council.

In his campaign Medlock stressed that ECSU must promote community services at Erindale such as the clubs, Medium II and CFRE.

He also said that ECSU should monitor how SAC spends the $14 in incidental fees from Erindale students. Other than free movies and the occasional band in the pub he feels the money has been pretty invisible at the College.

Medlock will also try to promote better food services on campus. Hee feels that there should be somewhere for students to pick up a hamburger or pizza at night. He also feels there should be somewhere for residence students to buy bread, milk, and eggs on campus.

In the battle for the Directors' positions on next year's ECSU, John Reis became academic Director by acclamation. Cathy Denis defeated Lenny Kunka to become Cultural Director. Kunka was the only member of Medlock's ticket not to gain office.

Steve Pearson was acclaimed to the position of Liaison Director and current ECSU president Ray Easterbrook defeated Wayne Fan for the Social Director post.

Rely on Medium 11

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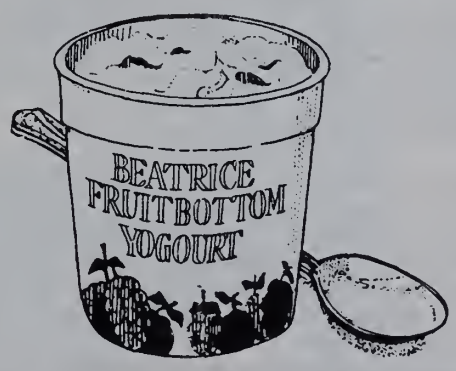

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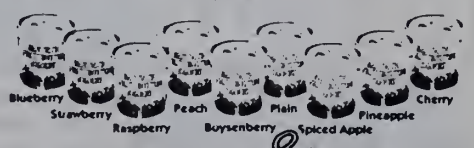

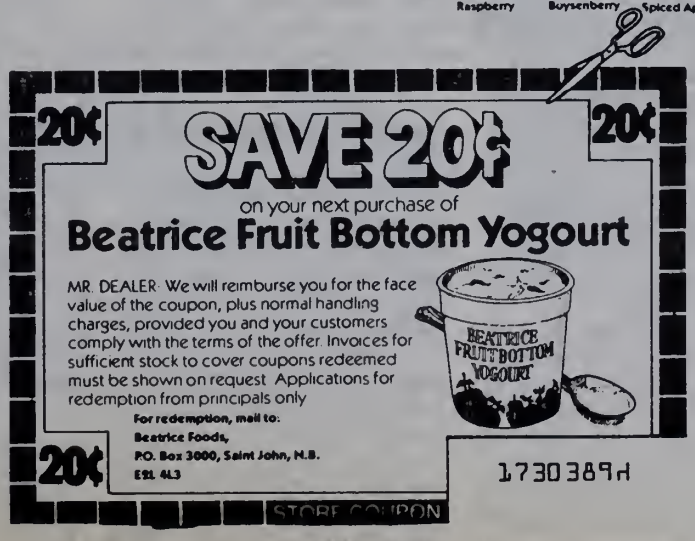
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Election created a credibility gap

In the past two years, the Erindale College Athletics and Recreation Association has dominated the limelight in the ECSU elections, and it appeared as though the same would be happening this year, as Stu Medlock, president of ECARA lined up against Pete Stasierowski, this year's liasion director for ECSU.

However, the inclusion of the ethnic element in this election has pre-empted the presence of ECARA, and thrown a dark shadow over this year's race for the ECSU executive posts.

It began quietly enough with the printing of campaign posters in several languages. This was done on the part of the Stasierowski ticket, which had the advantage of having access to several ethnic groups on-campus. In particular, his Vice-President candidate for the Administration post was Hai-Chaw Wah, treasurer of the Erindale Chinese Association. When Stasierowski's ticket began campaigning in languages other than English, there was an immediate reaction on the part of the other major presidential candidate, Stu Medlock. At first, Mr. Medlock's reaction was understandable; he didn't want any literature printed that might have damaged his campaign, without his being able to comprehend what was being printed.

What has evolved since then, is a little less understandable. While the votes were being registered last Wednesday and Thursday, it was rumoured that numerous people had been spreading the word that the Chinese students at Erindale were voting in a block for the Stasierowski ticket, and that students would have to turn out in great numbers to ward off the influence of the Chinese students. It was also said that Hai Wah had been imploring fellow Oriental students to vote for the Stasierowski ticket, not only during election day, but right beside the polling booths.

Numerous evasions of election regulations have been charged on both sides by the candidates which are outside all election regulations, but it appears that the most serious and the ones with the furthest reaching consequences are those which suggest that the election this year was run on a racial dichotomy. The Oriental students at this college are intelligent enough to know who is the better candidate without being implored by one of the candidates to vote on the basis of race. At the same time, it was an unexpected and deplorable surprise to find that students opposing the Stasierowski ticket would resort to scare tactics in trying to woo votes from the electorate.

At the risk of sounding obnoxious, it was thought that the atmosphere at Erindale was enlightened enough that such insidious and secondary considerations as racial origins would not enter into a campaign for the executive of the college students' council. It's pure unadulterated crap and the victorious Medlock ticket, whether they were involved with these practices or not, has a long way to go before it can re-establish the credibility it had before this campaign began.

Follett's flatulent follies

The College is in the process of developing an Involvement Time (IT) program. I feel the "incentives" suggested in this program are extremely questionable and present here my counter-arguments to IT Units:

If you insist to come up with some standard measuring system of volunteer activity, whether it be IT Units or plain hours, you must be extremely careful of the value judgements such a system imposes. Take this case as an argument against measurement by hours: If I spend one hour giving blood (and the IT Committee recognizes that activity) and I also spend two hours in a College Council meeting, does it necessarily follow that the latter was worth twice the former. With all due respect to the Council and in all humbleness, I suggest that my pint of blood and my act of giving it is worth far more than my attendance and participation in the College Council. Furthermore, comparatively speaking, let us consider myself and my fellow blood donor Natasha. Natasha has given blood quite often and for her the process is relatively easy. I gave blood once before and was quite woozy afterward. Nevertheless, for purely altruistic reasons, I'm prepared to brave this time. Meanwhile Natasha is munching donuts pleasantly at my side and telling me I look like a corpse. The nurses tell me never to give blood again, but I probably will. Now. Under the IT Units or measurement by hours both Natasha and I will receive equal credit. Should we? Couldn't one argue that my act was worth more? I, for one, don't want to measure the worth of my voluntary act, nor do I want to compare it with others. Each volunteer receives a different quality of experience and gives a different quantity of himself to the activity. Any measurement will therefore be an artificial and unfair evaluation of our community involvement.

I, also, do not want to be paid for my volunteering. If I give a pint of blood, I don't want to be paid in money, brownie-points, credited hours of IT Units. Such 'incentives' would spoil the altruistic and voluntary nature of community involvement. I would question my motives for such an act as giving blood...did I really do it for itself or am I just chalking up points? My opponents might argue that I don't have to accept the IT Units. But I

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Letters

submissions are invited for our letters sections.

Unsigned letters will not be published. Names can be withheld upon request.
Longer submissions may be edited for space requirements.

Buzzed Lights

To the editor:

I would like to complain about the lights in the Student Lounge and Study Area (Room 2068 for those attempting to locate this room on a floor plan). The motors that drive these lights make a loud buzz that renders concentration next to impossible for a period of more than 3 minutes.

As I have seen, from my many trips to this room to try and study, this incessant buzzing is reducing the population of the students who use this room to study. Since less students are able to work there it would seem that this room's function as a study area is not being fulfilled.

This room should therefore either have a quiet transformer installed (the same type of lights in the library make much less noise)

God & Medium II

To the editor:

I was interested, while waiting in the ECSU office Friday afternoon, to notice a poster on the wall "Thou Shalt Not Gossip – The Lord" which incidentally is very good advice. I'm curious to know if this is a directive to everybody in general or your college paper in particular. Could it be a direct misquote and a spoof?

In the interest of accurate quotes, allow me to say the quote is not recorded in Scripture although I'm sure the dear Lord would heartily subscribe to the idea.

Just this morning I read a quote from Proverbs 11:13 "A talebearer revealeth secrets but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." Solomon also; "—and not only the idle but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." I Timothy, 5:13 (The Apostle Paul).

These two verses seem a propo to the whole idea, don't you agree? In closing let me say I had no idea Erindale College had such a beautiful expansive campus. My congratulations.

Herb Champners

Ed. note: Mr. Champners is a delivery man for Medium II's typesetters, the Bradford Paper Group.

The Age of Graduate Cynicism

By GREG WALKER

Faster than most of us have realized, another academic year has passed by. Soon most of us will be faced by the drudgery of summer jobs and the inevitable Labatt's Blue weekend. But this coming summer is slightly different. It is the last summer of the decade. We have just passed ten spectacularly uneventful years since the tumultuous Sixties. For those who are graduating this year, the past half a decade has been frustratingly complacent. In fact, it has been damn hard to put together a newspaper.

As criticism mounts against the universities from all points of society, one is hard pressed to justify some four years in post secondary institution in pursuit of the increasingly valueless Bachelor of Arts or Science degree. Compared to a Sixties graduate, the Seventies student lacks a sense of accomplishment. Previously, graduates had faith in their ability to analyse and improve, through change, the "Establishment". No one in the Seventies university shares such optimism, or even that fervent Sixties enthusiasm. No one is interested in changing society, for the good of future generations.

Nowhere is this more evident than in those menial jobs in which one finds individuals barely out of high school, or not even that, who deride the value of a university degree. One doesn't hear the excuse that he or she was simply not cut out for school. These days its "Look at the money I make" and "What have you got to show for the Diploma?" What is frustrating is not the fact that they say it, but rather the conviction with which it is said.

The Graduate of 7T9, if anything, has acquired one valuable gift which prepares he or she for any eventually in a working environment. This is cynicism. They are the most cynical bunch of graduates to be produced since the Fitzgerald-Hemingway group that left the United States in the 1920's. The university graduate does not trust or believe anything without some substantiation. This is not the flippant, superficial evaluation, so common to those in the late teens. It is a penetrating, often despondent, outlook on the social fabric as a whole.

This is not to say that the university graduate does have numerous assets. Not even they believe that. Many of them go on to take career oriented courses that the universities, but more overwhelmingly, the community colleges and ploytechnical institutes are offering.It is also interesting to note that the vocational schools are responding to this need with a dual approach to most of their course offerings. In a specific area, there are two programmes, one lenghty and all encompassing for high school graduates, the other shorter in duration and more detailed, for university graduates.

Nor can it be suggested that all graduates possess the cynicism of the 70's. A horrifying number of students in university are here for the social life. These brain-less types, whom it seems daddy has sent to school hoping the time would be spent profitably, have a disco mentality with but one thing in their pants. Excuse me, I should have said "heads". One can only hope that Virgil will return to lead these wayward modern day Dantes through Hell, and hopefully leave them there.

Finally, if there is one thing which these graduating cynics are most doubtful about it is their own future. Few have ready replies for that omnipresent question about post graduate career plans. Even those who think they know what job they will be taking are not often correct, according to Government of Canada statistics. An extraordinary number of graduates leave their original jobs within five years of their first employment.

In the age of cynicism, it would seem that breathing is the only thing certain in the future. Even that one has to be cynical about. Many doctors now feel that the air we take in to go on living, is killing us. Back to you, Diogenes.

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would be foolish to refuse them. The College is establishing a system whereby the IT Unit will be recognition or proof of community involvement. The Units will be recognized by the University, by employers and by professors (who write letters of reference). If I opt out of the system, I refuse the recognition of my activity and, therefore, for practical purposes, might as well have not been involved. The system would discriminate against the true volunteer who humbly asks for no recognition and no payment.

Any system which offers 'incentives' like IT Units, will detract from the voluntary nature of community involvement. The IT program will water down the very thing it's trying to promote–voluntary involvement. Picture the Freshman who, upon entering the College, is informed of the IT program and its incentive. The IT Unit, or whatever, will be played up as desirable, as advantageous to his scholastic record. The emphasis is bound to be placed on the incentives, on the IT Units, rather than on the community involvement itself. If this weren't so, why would the IT Units be considered necessary? Why couldn't the involvement itself be the incentive? I repeat: the emphasis is bound to be placed on the incentives, on the IT Units. Consequently, we will have students becoming involved not for the activity but rather for the points they can gain on their record. The absence of these points will show, when compared to other students, a mediocre record. So, in order to gain a presentable transcript, students will be forcedto participate. There goes the voluntary nature of the IT program. It would be similar to saying: Attendance in class is voluntary; but you will be marked according to the number of classes you attend. If the College insists on such a measurement of involvement, they should make it mandatory rather than coercively voluntary.

I don't want to be misunderstood and be accused of being against community involvement. I am very much in favour of voluntary participation in community activity. It's good for the soul, makes for a well rounded student and all the rest of it. But any measurement of community involvement is bound to be unfair, unjust, un-altruistic, and involuntary. And I don't like IT!

Steven Follett
Centre "A" Rep.
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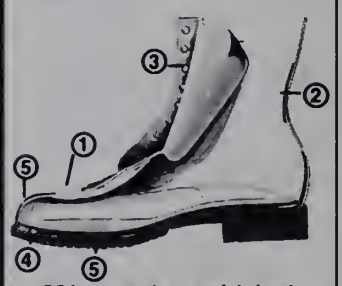

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Power to tax,and Power to destroy

By JOHN CHALLIS

As if upcoming exams weren't enough, the Trojan Horse that is tax time has rolled innocently into our lives. For some of us, it will truly be a gift-horse. For the rest – well, you know the legend. Suffice it to say that tax time is generally considered to be a belly full of trouble.

The average university or college student, using the deductions intended specifically for students, will most likely not have to pay any taxes. This is particularly the case this year, since, being an election year, the federal government has granted general exemptions from taxes for anyone with Taxable Incomes of up to $2310.

Being an average student, however, is not as easy as it once was. The cost of living, the cost of transportation, the cost of books and educational accessories and even incidental fees, have been rising dramatically, while the value of the dollar has plummeted.

For the 'average student' to reduce his Taxable Income to the magic zero mark by using student deductions, his Gross Income must be under a ceiling that might have once allowed a student to live well enough, but is becoming increasingly difficult to live within.

That ceiling is approximately what the average student can make during the summer holidays – on a good job. Here lies a stigma encouraged by government and university administrations alike. Students must maintain full-time status throughout their academic careers, seeking employment only in the summer months. If the student can fit part-time work in during the school year - usually because the cost of living (and, as like as not, OSAP) has forced him into it - the odds rise against being able to avoid taxation. The practise is also frowned upon by universities. Students are expected to devote all their spare time to their courses. Would that financial conditions allowed it.

A quick look at actual figures shows how much the average student can earn. We'll assume here that this student is in full-time attendance at university, single, works only during the summer months, lives in residence on-campus, and has not invested money or made any capital gains. Pared down to this status, the only deductions this student can make (other than those granted to all Canadians), will pertain directly to his or her being a post-secondary student.

Deductions

First, there are some standard deductions to which all Canadians are entitled. The largest of these is the Basic Personal Exemption. There is no explanation in the government's tax guide outlining why or how the figure came into being; it is just there. For 1978 tax returns, the Basic Personal Exemption is $2430 (that figure will be $2650 for next year's returns).

All working Canadians also pay into the Canada Pension Plan and the Unemployment Insurance Commission. To increase the student's exemption to their maximum, we will here assume he or she paid the maximum amount allowed. Claim $169.20 for the CPP and $187.20 for UIC contributions.

Finally, there is the standard medical and charitable donations

claim of $100.00. Health care plans are generally fairly good in universities, and there is little money around for students to donate to charity, so the $100 flat rate will more often be claimed than any higher calculation of medical and charitable donation expenses.

In calculating Net Income, the student may deduct the inevitable expense of tuition. For the full-time student (five courses) in Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto, that figure hovers somewhere above the $700 mark. Students aren't allowed to deduct incidental fees even though they are obligatory for the full-time student.

Next is the Education Deduction, given out only to students in full-time attendance at a university, college, or nursing school. The figure is set at $50 per month of attendance. Since most students spend eight months per year in school, the deduction stands at $400.

Those are the main areas in which a student may claim deductions. There also exist several other areas which benefit students. Moving expenses can be claimed in full if the student had to move from school to the place he or she works. If the student had to move to get to the school, those expenses, for some reason, can only be claimed against the income received through scholarships, awards or bursaries. That deduction against scholarships is in addition to the flat $500 deduction students are awarded for such income.

In most colleges and universities, students living in on-campus residence, may in calculating the final tax Balance Due or Owing, claim $25 under the Ontario Tax Credit scheme. The resident, however, is not allowed to claim the rental property tax credit that anyone else in Ontario can claim if they pay rent. In addition to that, the independent student can claim one percent of his or her personal deductions (usually coming to $24.30) in the Ontario Sales Tax Credit.

What is a student worth?

Before taxes are exacted, then, the average student's deductions add up to allow him or her to earn a total of just shy of $4000; slightly more if the student is able to claim moving expenses, and if the Ontario Tax Credits are taken into account. This year, with the federal tax credits, that figure has been artificially boosted to about $6310, but for the time being we shall retain the former figure as the more representative.

Keeping below the taxation level, the student is restricted to one of the lowest income brackets in the country. Do we deserve a better break? Being encouraged, even forced into seasonal unemployment by the educational system, we do.

Students seldom have the ability to accumulate any funds during their years in univeristy or college. We earn as much as possible during the summer, try to protect it from the tax man, and spend it all during the academic year. There are few if any remunerations in the welfare system which compensate at all for this sacrifice which is apparently needed for the student to obtain a degree or diploma.

No Help Available

The student is, granted, provided many benefits within the university. But still the student is entitled to some assistance when needed, through government welfare systems. The problem is, the venues for receiving such assistance are few and already overburdened.

While welfare takes up a whopping 33 percent of the tax dollar, only 28 per cent of that figure can realistically be considered accessible to the average students. 1977-78 statistics showed that of the $15⅛ Billion gathered for welfare purposes, $4.2 Billion went into Unemployment Insurance, $1.3 would have been spent through the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and $206 Million went into job training or retraining programmes. These are really the only areas students as a body can tap into welfare, if the system allowed it.

There were in 1974 2,891,249 taxpayers in Canada whose incomes were below $8,000. At the same time there were 521,000 unemployed, creating a total of 3.3 Million citizens who would likely be attempting, or at least needed to tap into some source of welfare similar to those to which students have access. That's about 14 percent of the entire population of Canada.

Students in Canada were 560,000 strong in number in 1976. It's difficult to think that students as a group could expect a very large portion of the welfare pot. Unable to build any reserves of money which could support them through their years in university, it is understandable that so many students rely on loans and grants from the Ontario Student Assistance Program to help them out.

A post-secondary education – even a Liberal Arts education – is one of the most valuable investments an individual can make. On a large scale, the more individuals who increase their educations, the better society as a whole will be. Unfortunately, the government and, to a lesser degree, university administrations, seem unwilling to acknowledge the value of an educated population and, claiming financial restraints, offer little in the way of encouragement for the university and college students.

Money Management

The onus lies on the individual student, then, to make as much of his money as possible. Four courses per academic year still allows a student full-time status – and hence, some deductions on his tax form – and provides a bit of extra time to apply to a part-time job. Most employers would likely prefer hiring students full-time through the summer, knowing that they would still be working through the rest of the year on a part-time basis, rather than going through the hassle of hiring and firing each summer.

It may be to the student's benefit to calculate just how much he will save by taking advantage of the full-time student deductions, and weighing them against the amount of cash the student will be making if he or she stays in school only part-time and works that extra amount of time.

More and more students are already coming to this realization at Erindale College. Fully one quarter of the students enrolled here are part-time students. Many full-time students have decided to hold down jobs even though there is a heavy time burden. Principal Paul Fox has called it regrettable; most students know it as a regrettable necessity.

Accumulating this extra pool of money will probably put the student over the plateau which allows him or her to write off all his or her income at tax time. The answer is to make use of the growing number of tax shelters that have come into being in recent years: the RRSP's and RHOSP's and myriad other acronymic programs which allow individuals to put their money into investments where they can't be touched by the tax man.

Many of these programs are long-term deposits and must be dealt with carefully, particularly by the novice investor, which is what most students are. Used carefully, though, and with the individual aware of the loopholes that exist in them, tax shelters provide the student with that term ever flogged by government, a 'hedge against inflation.'

Ontario Student Assistance Program 1979-80

OSAP

Literature and application forms are available from Student Awards Officers at Ontario colleges and universities and from Guidance Counsellors at secondary schools throughout Ontario.

Personalized, pre-printed applications will not be available this year.

Apply early!

At Erindale College, applications for loans or grants will be available at the Student Awards Office, Room 211, North Building.

All students are urged to apply before they leave the college this spring.

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Hiding under the Tax Shelter

By John Challis

So here you are, the New Student, forced by the system to keep working while earning a degree and determined to defend every penny from the wolf at the door. What, then, is the best defense?

Traditionally, there have been some standard avenues which Canadians have followed in protecting the money they accumulate: they pump it into banks, they invest it, or they write it off in expenses which are considered deductible by Revenue Canada – charities and the like. Each of these, in one way or another, has lost some of its original appeal.

BANK SECURITY?

Banks have been the most secure of these avenues. They accumulate interest at a slow but guaranteed rate, and they are protected, basically, from outside hands. Canadian banks especially have been historically very safe. Few if any Canadian banks folded during the Great Depression of the 1930's, while American counterparts went bankrupt by the score.

But the return from a normal bank account barely keeps up with the rate of inflation, and there are many other means of investing money which offer far more equitable returns. In fact, it is better in most cases to purchase stocks in banks than to deposit money in even one of the high interest no-chequing accounts.

As for the Stock Market, both returns and risks are high, and the people who profit most from the market are not those in the lower income brackets. In 1978, those people whose incomes were less than $20,000 a year as a group had a total capital loss of $37 Million. That's about 88 per cent of the taxpayers in Canada. In contrast, taxpayers with incomes over $100,000 yearly made a net capital gain of $137 Million in 1976. In other words, the cards are not stacked in students' favour.

One of the more interesting alternatives to the Stock Market which has emerged in recent years is the Real Estate Investment Trust. Individuals buying into the REIT essentially lend their money to mortgaging firms, at a return of between 11 and 11½ percent. Most REIT's in Canada are run jointly by banks and trust companies. They are quite stable: much more so than public shares, and at the same time profits from them are usually eligible for capital gains preferential taxation. They do not, however, shelter your money from taxes as do the registered savings plans.

WATCH THOSE CHARITABLE DONATIONS

As for writing of your money as 'deductible'; well, you're spending it, not saving it. And such altristic deductibles as charitable donations this year may be a risky venture. 2000 charities, lost their registration with Revenue Canada as of December 30, 1978 because they failed to file their Public Information Returns in their 1977 tax forms. The full list of charities which have lost their registration, published in the **Canada Gazette** contains such notable organizations as the Red Cross, chapters of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and St. John's Ambulance, and even the charity trust in the Pay Services Division of the federal Department of Supply and Services. Taxpayers would be advised to do some checking before donating to charities.

ALTERNATIVES: NO RAISE, THANKS

Arthur Drache last month pointed out in the**Financial Post** that many corporate executives have begun to receive "company benefits" rather than accept raises in pay. The reason is simple: the rate of taxation is lower for benefits than it is for regular income. If you are employed in a small business which has a fairly informal atmosphere you could always try convincing management to translate any upcoming pay hikes into benefits – Christmas bonus, or whatever, to help ease off the tax burden.

RRSP'S

Enjoying great popularity at the moment are to so-called tax shelter plans. In reality, these are more appropriately termed tax deferrals – while the plans are in effect, they protect the owner from taxes, but when they expire, they are usually automatically taxed.

This is true of the most popular of these is the Registered Retirement Savings Plan. The original logic behind them is strictly Keynesian: save now, in your youth while your earning power is greatest. They essentially plan before its termination or the entire amount becomes deregistered and immediately prone to regular taxation. When an RRSP is cashed, the entire amount is subject to regular taxes, and the issuer will withhold 30 percent of the RRSP for taxes. Refunds of any of that 30 percent are rescinded when Revenue Canada receives your tax return for that year.

Technically, you can't defer that taxation into other years, but if you have an insurance policy purchase something called a Life Annuity for you, you can again pump your money into a program that shelters you from taxes. And if you're really desparate for cash, you can start a second RRSP, deregister your first one, and transfer that money, minus the amount you need, into the new one. Tax will not be levied on such a transfer.

Another benefit to this plan, and to any of the plans being described here, is that if you take out a loan to begin one of these registered funds, the loan can be used as an investment cost deduction in calculating your tax return. Not bad eh? Money that's not even yours getting claimed as a deduction.

RHOSP

Probably second in the popularity list are the Registered Home Ownership Savings Plans. Originally, they appealed because money could be shifted between deregistered it, the whole amount will be exempt from any taxes. Two years ago, the same applied to purchase of furniture for the new home, but that proved too cumbersome as well as too popular and has since been dropped.

Both RRSP's and RHOSP's accumulate interest at a rate hovering around 6 percent to 9 percent gross, with a small percentage of that being kept as the fee to the issuer. They can be bought from banks, credit unions, life insurance companies, trust companies or mutual funds. Being tax-free, until cashed, that interest is generally more desirable than the similar rates that exist in bank accounts.

JUST FOR A YACK

Some special types of income are eligible for purchase of an Income Averaging Annuity Contract (IAAC – pronounced 'yack' by tax-buffs). Offered by trust companies and life insurance firms, a IAAC does not actually shelter your income from taxes, but rather spreads the taxation over a period of years set out in the contract-while it collects interest. Money is simply dumped in one year and paid back in monthly installments in the following years.

Buying an IAAC is not particularly viable unless you have suddenly made a bundle in any of the areas of special income that qualify for inclusion in such an annuity. There are about 18 eligible types according to the Financial Post, the most pertinent of those being net Capital gains, income from professional athletic competition and income from entertaining or production of an artistic work (literary, musical, or otherwise). You can also roll lump sums from an RHOSP into an IAAC without taxation. The sum, though, has to be fairly big, or the bite the tax man will take won't be substantial enough to worry about.

GENERAL AVERAGING

Your tax form also has a provision in it which is quite similar to the principal behind the IAAC, except that all income is eligible for the government's 'general averaging' calculation.

If your income in any given year is substantially higher than usual, the General Averaging provision will likely work to your advantage, refunding taxes that would not have been charged to you if your income had stayed at its average level. A complex formula is used to calculate the extent of the averaging to which you are entitled. If you'd like to work the calculation out for yourself, Tax Form T2077 is available from the District Taxation Office.

DPSP

If the luxury of being able to pick and choose your employers actually existed, a good thing to look for would be whether or not the company carried a Deferred Profit Sharing Plan. The plan is a trust which the employer sets up, and into which both employer and employee may make contributions. Essentially, though, it is supposed to be a shelter where a percentage of the business' profits are distributed to the working staff.

The DPSP is a symbiotic arrangement, in that both boss and employee benefit. The employer can use the contributions as deductions in the business's tax calculations up to 210 percent of each employee's salary or $3000 whichever is less.

The employee essentially has a tax shelter in the DPSP. Any money he receives in his account from the business's profits, is protected from taxes until the money is withdrawn. There are no restrictions with regard to partial or full withdrawal in most cases. While in the plan, the money may be used by the business to invest in itself while still receiving deductions for technically giving it to employees. It's a dandy little plan, providing incentives to management and one of the more free tax deferrements for employees. You just have to find one, though.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Tons of them. This outline of these programmes really just scratches the surface, and was put together by a reporter who is only a beginner in the tax game. There are plenty of rules regulations and loopholes that haven't been mentioned for lack of space, and the individual can get burned if he or she doesn't know about them. There are penalties, for instance, for contributing more than the limit in RRSP's and RHOSP's.

The plans can vary considerably from firm to firm. This is particularly true of IAAC's. The student considering investing in any of these plans should do some careful shopping and studying, keeping in mind that these are not plans for sotring up some spare cash for the weekend, but long-term investments geared to both provide you with that nest-egg you couldn't get with a summer job, and protect your money from the voracious appetite of the Tax Man.

Avoiding taxes on gasoline.

Statistics for this article were obtained from Statistics Canada, the National Census of 1976 and The National Finances by the Canadian Tax Foundation. Additional facts were mined from the Financial Post and the Economic Council of Canada's Pattern of Taxation in Canada (1972).

medium II Sports

Enforcers Floor Hockey Champs

By LUCIANO Di GULGIELMO

In the final analysis it was strictly no contest. The Enforcers swept the best-of-three floor hockey final 2-0 over the Gasoweeneeks, dumping the Strokers by 3-1 and 6-2 margins.

In game two, the Enforcers showed just how their versatility and team play won them the championship as six different Enforcers scored a goal each to account for the final total.

The Gassoweeneeks started out quickly and were forcing the play but at the 5:00 mark it was the Enforcers who had a two goal lead, despite being outplayed. Superb goaltending by the Enforcer goalie Mark Fisher had kept the Gasoweeneeks off the score-sheet and when the Enforcers had their chances they capitalized on them. John Platt scored the first goal on a long shot from centre and Cam Stuart added a second less than a minute later to give the Enforcers a two goal bulge.

The Gasoweeneeks continued to press and despite being robbed several times by Fisher did not let up in their attack. The Gasowweeneek top scorers Leo D'Elia and Baljunder Rakhra were leading the charges but it was Percy Graham who brought the Strokers within a goal with a short blast from the slot at the 11:45 mark.

The Gasoweeneeks seemed to have inexhaustible source of energy and continued to buzz around the Enforcer net but couldn't get the equalizer before the period ended.

Enforcer goalie Mark Fisher had a strong game.

The Strokers were exhausted at the start of the second period but the Enforcers got two quick penalties and were down to two men on the floor. At this point the Gasoweeneeks launched an impressive barrage of shots at the Enforcer net from every conceivable angle. But Fisher and his acrobatic, diving, defenders frustrated the Gasoweeneeks at every turn.

Then, as if to add insult to injury, the enforcers scored short-handed, to widen their lead to 3-1. Steve Craig popped in the eventual winner just as the last Enforcer came out of the penalty box.

The Gasoweeneeks at this point seemed to become dispirited and began to run aimlessly around the floor. The Enforcers slowly but surely and behind excellent goatending had achieved almost complete control of the game.

The Gasoweeneeks did not have a good scoring opportunity for the rest of the period and Bill Gregson scored a fourth Enforcer goal before the frame ended.

Instead of wilting completely in the third period, the Gasoweekeens actually began battling back. But D'Elia was robbed of a sure goal in the slot and Telford scored a fifth Enforcer goal at 1:55 to clinch the game.

The Enforcers began to lay back preferring to pass the ring back into their own end and killing the clock rather than forcing the play. Rakhra did score for the strokers to make it 5-2 but Howell replied a minute later to funish off the scoring at 6-2. The Enforcers became the 1979 Erindale Floor Hockey Champions.

Congratulations to both teams for a well-played final series.

The Gasoweeneeks have been pereniall contenders for several years and should be back next season to challenge again. As for the Enforcers, well, the Flaming A's are lying in wait.

Challengers Take Womens Title

By LUCIANO Di GUGLIELMO

Carol Jennings and Sam Qvist each scored three goals last week as the Challangers floor hockey team won the Women's championship, soundly thumping the Headhunters 8-2.

The unfortunate Headhunters were simply no match for the Challangers Big Four of Jennings, Qvist, Cathy McKay, and Barb Martin. These four girls had grabbed four of the top five goal scoring positions during the season with Qvist leading the way with fifteen goals and Jennings with 12.

Headhunters, onthe other hand, had only one resident superstar, Mary Lou Hawkins, and although she valiantly tried to lead her team, to the cries of "Go Lou!", the Challangers keyed on her for the whole game and shut her out.

The Headhunters had shocked the Challengers in the early going, as Rose Downer and Helen Chmielinski scored at the 3:00 and 4:00 minute marks to give the Headhunters a 2-0 lead. Not only that, they shut out the Challangers for so long, that it appeared as though an upset might be brewing.

The Headhunter defense was holding up and the goalie Cathy Denis was making some miraculous saves, But late in the period, the roof fell in for the Headhunters as the Challangers score four goals in the span of five minutes.

McKay started the spree at the 13:00 minute mark and Jennings got a second right off the face-off at 13:15. At this point the Headhunters, who had been leading and outplaying the Challangers, wilted into a complete letdown.

The revitalized Challangers swarmed all over the Headhunters and scored twice more before the end of the period to make the score 4-2, Jennings and Qvist doing the honours.

Mary Lou Hawkins Headhunters leading scorer gets dumped on a breadaway and appeared to be injured. She wasn't but her teamates were battered 8-2.

The Headhunters came out flying at the start of the second and final period and appeared to be making a comeback. Hawkins led several Headhunter charges down the floor but was always stymied at the last moment by either a Challanger defender or the goalie.

Then finally the Challangers dynamic duo struck again. Jennings and Qvist scored withing the span of a minute to widen the lead to 6-2. The Headhunters though, refused to give up, but the Challangers simply had too much power for them to cope with. Qvist and Martin closed out the scoring and the final score was 8-2.

On a closing note this final game was exceptionally well played and the girls had much enthusiasm for what they were doing, something that has been missing in the past. The girls' floor hockey league expanded this year and should be even larger next season.

But first there is an all-star clash this week against Scarborough. The Erindale girls won their last meeting, something the men can't say.

Curlers Complete Club Competition

By FRED J. ABLENIS

The team of Mike Laderoute, Fraser Ogston, and Kevin Pereira emerged victorious in the Erindale Curling Club playdowns held on March 23, defeating Bill Osborne's team in the finals. The threesome capped a successful undefeated season with the victory.

Curling Club President John Hogan pointed out that more curlers will be needed for next year's league. "We only had enough people this year for eight teams, and the winning team had played with only three members all season."

Hogan added that with the season over, the only item remaining on the club's agenda is the annual meeting, to be held in the near future.

Over the March 24th weekend, members of the club participated in the U of T Bonspiel, but John Hogan's rink was eliminated in the early rounds of the competition.

This being the final contest that Erindale curlers will be involved in this year, Hogan joined his fellow club members in hanging up their rocks for another summer.

After the game, girls prove they are good sports, listening guys?

Medium 11 first in sports

ECARA Banquet Huge Success

By JOHN REIS

Without a doubt this year's Athletic Banquet was a smashing success and hopefully by now all the broken glasses will have been cleaned up.

The Banquet started with Geri Fitch saying grace, and it certainly is enjoyable starting the meal with grace. Where she went after that I'll never know.

The ball went over to Bob Rykman after that, who gave a review of the year after which everyone gave a review of Bob Rykman. I myself cannot understand everyone taking pot-shots at Bob Rykman. I think he's lost quite a bit of weight.

Speeches of all the teams were next and certainly deserve comment. The football team's speech was a hit; their first of the year, and a lot of people who never took musical lessons were quite successful at blowing their own horns. Some of the speeches would definitely have added some spice to the banquet if they hadn't run out of tyme.

In all modesty, one of the most innovative and stupendous forms of brilliant hilarity desplaying overwhelming humour was the cross-country speech orated by John Reis, who confirmed the belief that runners are truly athletes who are just out for a good time.

During the speeches, MVP awards were given out and the following individuals were chosen most valuable in their sports. Soccer: Hassan Pereira; Varsity Rowing: Bruce Pynn, Beck Hofland; Field Hockey: Cindy Isles; Men's Hockey: Ed Howell; Women's Field Hockey: Darlene Knibbe; Men's Basketball: Ray Sriubiskis; Women's Basketball: Mary Qvist; Men's Volleyball: Carol Jennings, and Cross-Country Running: John Reis.

The Intramural Award was presented to John Coutu. The Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards, presented to the graduating male and female athletes who have in their undergraduate years excelled in Athletics, were Brian Sobie and Cathy McKay. Those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing Brian and Cathy over the years can appreciate their contribution to athletics and realize that not only are they both great athletes, but even more significant, great people and wonderful friends.

The rest of the evening which was certainly very successful and enjoyed by all, consisted of dancing, partying and reminiscing. The rowers, as always, appeared to be spending a lot of time with the bouys, which is understandable considering that they were all in the same boat. I never did get to meet the people under the table beside me and I did get most of the speakers' jokes. Apparently some of the people didn't get them because the delivery had been handled by the post office.

The highlight of the evening was the atmosphere generated by those who attended, and the chandelier above the dance floor. After the banquet a lot of people aren't drinking any more, a lot aren't drinking any less either. All in all there were a lot of very responsible people at the banquet. Ted was responsible for breaking a chair, Joe for getting us kicked out of the rented room, and Pete for all sorts of things.

I knew it was time to leave when I was introduced to the head table and then asked it to dance; speaking of which, most people on the dance floor had more moves than Bobby Fisher. Anyone else on the dance floor was removed and can still be claimed by their dates.

No one that I can recall made a fool of themselves, although a few, to hide their identity, were wearing shades which I understand the Holiday Inn wants back for their lamps.

Congratulations again to all who won awards, little E's, special E's and to John now known as the Wizard of Awes for his speech. Special mention to Sue Strang who as always was breathtakingly gorgeous and like all the ladies present, very beautifully attired.

You get the picture, or at least will when they're developed. We should all congratulate all those members of ECARA who made this year's banquet a tremendous success and a magnificent evening of enjoyment.

OUAA B-ball, Hockey

BASKETBALL

The Windsor Lancers are the 1979 OUAA Basketball Champions. In the OUAA final played Sunday, March 4 in Windsor the Lancers defeated the York Meomen 80-78. It was Windsor's thirteenth OUAA Championship.

Stan Korosec was selected as the winner of the E.C. LeBel Plaque as the most valuable player in the championship game.

Windsor had won the west division championship with a 56-44 win over Waterloo while York took the East Division crown with an 84-70 victory over the Carleton Ravens.

Both Windsor and York now advance to the CIAU championships in Calgary, March 8-10.

The following are the final regular season stats for the Lancers and the Yeomen.

HOCKEY

The University of Guelph Gryphons have a 1-0 lead in the best of three OUAA hockey final. They defeated the McMaster Marlins 7-4 Thursday, March 1 in Guelph. The second and third game if necessary, will be played at the Wentworth Triple Rinks in Hamilton, Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10. Game time will be Friday at 8:30 p.m.

In last week's game, Mike McParland and Dave Cobban each scored twice for Guelph while single goals went to John Sikura, Tom Marquis and Scott McKenzie.

Tom Nunn, Jim Wilson, Jack McMaster and John Holmes counted for the Marlins.

The winner will advance to the CIAU Championships at Montreal, March 15-18.

medium II Performance

Forsooth? Nay, only two sooth

...And a third sooth behind the wall. The Poculi Ludique Society delved into the condition of Man in their presentation of Wynkyn de Worde's medieval morality play, "The World and the Child". dating back to the early 1500's. The production was presented last Wednesday in the Meeting Place. Initial reaction to the performance was one of incredulity and laughter, but as the play progressed, the audience became intrigued by the witty analogy of Mankind (John Mayberry, right) as he was guided by the World, Perseverance (both played by Allan Park,) and Conscience (Jonathan Pearl, left) and misguided by Folly (also played by Pearl).

The play was directed by Kathy Pearl. The Poculi Ludique Societas is a troupe which presents these medieval productions in the Toronto area, free of charge. The company has also toured through the United States and eastern Canada.

Talent meets the Erindale Intellectuals

By F. Baggins

Last Wednesday, was amateur night at the pub and it certainly lived up to its name. Before a near capacity audience, the opening act came on, consisting of a group of musicians who were either totally deaf or have evolved (devolved?) to a level that enabled them to totally ignore feedback. Their first number brought the audiences' hands to their ears as the level of the feedback could only be outdone by the whine of a 747 trapped inside a closet. To the spectator's dismay, the band did not correct the problem but continued, feebly attempting a Pink Floyd set. The complexity of the numbers they took upon themselves to subject the audience to were light years beyond their capability. As half the audience lay on the floor with blood streaming from their ears, the band left the stage. The remaining half of the crowd clapped, realizing they had lived through the first act.

The second act was a solo performer playing acoustic guitar and singing. Although the audience heckled and made enough noise to bring the walls of Jerico down, the performer was quite good. The mood of the pub just was not compatible with his mellow format.

The crowd screamed for the popular Harry the Chain Saw imitation which was the highlight of the evening. Then came Erindale's answer to the dating game. Jim Lang would have had a coronary if he had been present. After four rounds of the game, the final bachelorette disrobed while doing contortions that raised the temperature of the pub by twenty degrees. One of the female patrons commented that she thought it was only fair that one of the bachelors should give an equal performance.

Following this, approximately half of the pub left. Whether the hasty exit was due to the anticipated fear that the first band was coming back on or everyone was following the stripper, I don't know.

Other acts included an elephant fornicating with a laboratory rat, a dog with no legs deficating on a jack rabbit, and a sunflower playing chess with Idi Amin.

The Atomic Vom and the Vomettes, Erindale's panks descended on the amateur night last week.

Photo credit: Kent Chmilar

Dating game Bachelorette shows off new disco fashions while winning bachelor awaits his turn.

Punk:Fifth Column of Rock

By Rick Spencer

The battle over what is good music has increased in intensity ever since the words "disco" and "punk" were accepted into our vocabularies as household terms. They describe the two extremes of contemporary music. Even at Erindale there are in existence, widely polarized factions. On the one hand there are the disco fanatics who frequent the Blind Duck on Thursday evenings. On the other hand there are the rock'n'roll fans, and punkers, who have with some exceptions been suspiciously quiet this year.

Most of these disillusioned souls blame it on the music. Disco, many believe, poses a direct threat to the basic principles of contemporary rock'n'roll music. Is good rock'n'roll a thing of the past? Are groups like Hot Chocolate, The Sylvesters or even Boney M or the Bee Gees the rightful sucessors to The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones and countless other rock music grants of the past and present? One must inevitably question the direction of contemporary music if this is true.

Disco is undeniably the hottest thing in America. It is the ultimate example of American commercialism and the power of promotional hype. It is the artificial, money-making creation of the music industry which attempts to fill a musical gap that has existed since the beginning of the decade. Since the break-up of the Beatles no one group has been able to dominate the musical scene as they had (with the possible and recent exception of another commercialized mania known as Fleetwood Mac). Today the disco beat has won wide appeal. This is largely due to the fact that it allows people to get up and dance. To this end numerous bastardized versions of traditional ballroom dance

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steps have been introduced into those glittering, flashing, mezmerizing mirages known as discos. In these fraudulant, manmade recreations of paradise people, oblivious of all the cares and those of the world, charade as bones of John Travolta and Karen Gorney in an attempt to be "cool", and perhaps do the latest dance steps properly. The desire of the general public for a form of pure escapism has attracted large numbers of people to discos in spite of the redundant nature of the music and its utter lack of artistic value.

A prime example of this promotional hype, was seen in the recent Grammy Awards, "A Taste of Honey", whose only contribution to music is the word, "Boogie-oogie-oogie", won the best new group award over such proven talent as "The Cars" and "Toto". This proves that disco is popular but it must be said that it is the model of mechanized madness. Although it can draw a crowd disco it is stiflingly sterile and lacks both spirit and spontanaety. The accent is more on being a part of the crowd and relinquishing individual indentity for the sake of what some feel is a good time.

Contemporary rock music also lacks pure energy and spirit. Over the past few years a number of bands have attempted to assume the position vacated by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones in their earlier years. The Stones though have seemed to stagnate in many ways in the last few years and therefore have ceased to be a driving force behind modern music. A number of groups rose to temporary stardom during this time by simply blasting out loud raunchy rock music. In fact, a recent article in this newspaper crudely proclaimed that the new wave had died, disco was unfortunately here to stay and that "heavy metal" was the be all and end all of rock'n'roll. But anyone that believes that must have had their head buried in the sand for the last five years, or had their brain disintegrated at the last Ted Nugent concert. It is definitely loud but certainly not music. Nugent's "music"has about as much class as a cold grilled cheese sandwich and his "Double Live Gonzo Album" could probably be reproduced by throwing a litter of frightened kittens into a microwave oven, turning it on, and recording their final moments in twenty-four tracks. Groups like Brownsville Station provide the same sort of juvenile sounds that keep K-tel Records in business. With the exception of Led Zepplin "heavy metal" is devoid of any artistic value.

Led Zepplin are capable musicians and some sense can be made of what they say in their music. This is something that other heavy metal counterparts cannot boast of.

Groups such as Genesis, Supertramp, Emerson Lake and Palmer, Jethro Tull and others represent the truly artistic side of contemporary music. Their contribution to rock is considerable but they are so lofty in stature that their audience can seldom feel a close identification with their music. Therefore it can be seen that music is in desperate need of a new direction and vitality.

What it all comes down to is the new wave. Its energy is pure and indestructible. It needs no flashing lights, stage explosions or special effects to augment its awesome power. It is probably the truest form of art in rock music today because it is honest and basic. To state that the new wave is dead is no less than a complete admission of one's ignorance of what is happening in rock music today and what has happened in the past. Most things in history occur in cycles. Music is no different.

In the early 1960s the "skiffle movement" arose out of the discontent of England's youth. Kids felt that they had been abondoned by their music idols at that time, who had gotten rich and arrogant thanks to the loyal support of those who had followed them. In a rebellious move the kids began to form their own bands. Although they were not great musicians they practiced and played where they could and gave vent to their angry frustrations through their powerful and unique style of music. From out of the old garages and back rooms of London came the Goliaths of modern rock: The Rolling Stones, The Who and others. The British invasion revolutionized rock and roll even in America. The effect it has had on our music is undeniable.

Today a new wave of music has swept Britain and is now washing cautiously up onto the shores of North America. Like the first wave, this one is born out of discontent both with music, as was the case before, and now with the economy as well. Once again Britain's youth took to the streets in search of cheap but honest entertainment. History repeated itself but this time the mood was more angry and radical. They took their guest once more from North American underground music: Lou Reed and the Velvet Underground, Iggy Pop, and the high priestess of punk, Patti Smith. The new British wave was led by the notorious Sex Pistols and many groups like them. The wave has matured with time; and strengthened. The shock waves are only now beginning to be felt in an affluent, commercialized America.

One cannot deny that the new wave has had its effect on today's music. It can be seen by their last record "Some Girls" that the Rolling Stones have recognized both punk and disco. This middle-of-the-road, commercialized attitude proves that the Stones are no longer capable of acting as the leaders in modern music trends.

The Who on the other hand have, under the guidance of former "mod" Pete Townsend, have not only recognized the new wave but have affirmed it. "Who Are You" is a reaffirmation of their identity and their roots. Besides this, groups such as Patti Smith's and the Blondie have cracked the North American AM air waves and new wave is becoming more and more accepted. Even on our own doorstep we find that the new wave has spread. Toronto is now challenging New York for the right to be considered the centre of the North American new wave movement. One need only look around to see proof of this. Only a couple of weeks ago the Battered Wives played to capacity crowd at the Blind Duck. Last month 1500 people jammed the Rex Theatre to witness a performance by the British punk band "The Clash" who warranted rave reviews from the media. Another British new wave prodigy "Ultravox" recently played to three consecutive full houses at "The Edge".

Local nightclubs are showing increasing interest in new wave acts. Important night spots such as the El Mocambo and The Edge have gone so far as to import talents such as the Boomtown Rats and Nine, Nine, Nine from the U.K.

They have also showed more interest of late in our own local new wave talent. The number of telented new wave bands is on the increase in the Toronto area. The list of big names include: The Battered Wives, Teenage Head, The Elevators, The Veletones, The Diodes, The Curse, Martha and the Muffins, Arsen, The Forgotten Rebels, and the New Ugly just to name a few!

People are now becoming aware of the spirit that exudes from punk. Punk and the new wave is based on the individual, and not the commercial principle of satisfying the masses. The outlandish attire of punk is a personal statement of one's uniqueness in society. They are not clones!

Punk and bizarre punk fashions also serve to shock the general public out of their false sense of security by reflecting and amplifying the hypocrisy of society. No matter where we find punk or what form it takes it is always a type of social comment. Its value therefore goes beyond mere entertainment and record sales.

To say that the new wave is dead is absurd and laughable. It may never reach the proportions of mania here that it has in England but this is because our economical and social problems are not as critical as are theirs. But nonetheless it is important. The new wave's strength, energy and vitality have provided rock music with the shot in the arm that it has desperately needed.

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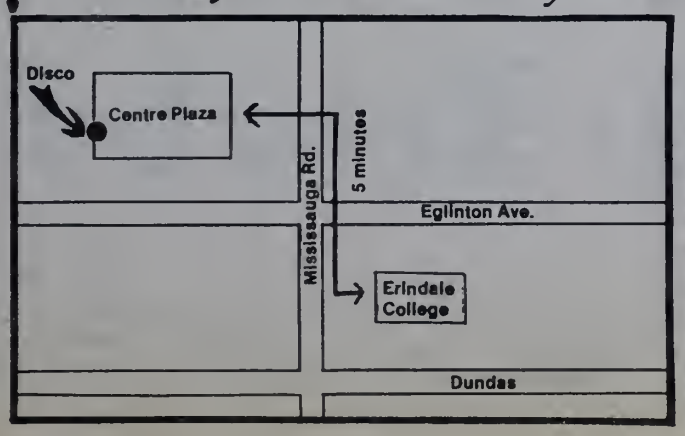

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